

### SPONSORED BILLS

*Representative Hanna authored the following pieces of legislation:*

- H.R. 609, **American Competitiveness Act of 2011**: The first bill Representative Hanna introduced was the American Competitiveness Act. The bill would cut taxes on American businesses from 35% to 25% over the course of two years. The phase-in period is designed to allow Congress time to close tax loopholes so that the rate can be lowered on a revenue-neutral basis. Currently, American businesses pay some of the highest corporate tax rates in the world. In a global economy, we need competitive tax rates that encourage investment and job creation right here in the United States. The federal corporate tax rate in the United States is 35 percent. On top of that, local and state governments pile more taxes on business – leading to an average blended rate of 40 percent. That is 56 percent higher than the wealthy-nation average. The American Competitiveness Act is co-sponsored by 32 Members of Congress and has been commended by fiscal conservative advocacy groups.

- H.R. 2061, **Civilian Service Recognition Act of 2011**: The Civilian Service Recognition Act would authorize the presentation of a United States flag to the family or next of kin of a federal civilian employee who is killed performing their duty. Every year federal civilian employees are killed at home and abroad doing their duty for our nation. The American flag embodies the values of our nation that these individuals worked to uphold. This legislation would provide a modest, but significant, benefit in honor of these dedicated individuals who sacrificed on our behalf. The bill was co-sponsored by 21 bipartisan Members of Congress. The House approved the bill by a vote of 425 - 0 on November 2, 2011. President Obama signed the bill into law in the Oval Office on December 20, 2011.

- H.R. 2244, **Corporal Steven Blain Riccione Post Office**: This bill would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 67 Castle Street in Geneva, New York, as the "Corporal Steven Blaine Riccione Post Office". Corporal Riccione was a Geneva native who was killed in 1967 while evacuating American soldiers after a fierce battle during the Vietnam War. Naming a Post Office in Corporal Riccione's hometown in his memory is an appropriate way to remember and honor his service to a grateful nation. The bill was co-sponsored by the entire New York delegation and was approved by the House on July 29, 2011.

- H.R. 2527, **National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act**: The National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act would authorize the Treasury to mint commemorative coins for the National Baseball Hall of Fame's 75th anniversary in 2014. The Hall of Fame is located in Cooperstown, New York. Baseball is the quintessential American pastime with roots in Upstate New York. This cost-free legislation with overwhelmingly bipartisan support proves that the love of baseball - our national pastime - is a common bond. The bill is co-sponsored by 296 Members of Congress. The House voted 416 - 3 to approve the

bill on October 26, 2011.

- H.R. 3122, **Clean Construction Act of 2011**: The Clean Construction Act of 2011 would improve air quality around infrastructure projects by making it easier and more cost-effective to upgrade construction equipment to meet diesel soot emissions standards. The legislation will help states reduce pollution within their borders and beyond, and will create jobs in the environmental technology industry. Contractors working on federal transportation infrastructure projects in regions that are not in compliance with federal air quality standards will be allowed to use a portion of the budget to reduce pollution from their older diesel-powered equipment. Diesel fuel powers most heavy machinery and vehicles used on construction sites. The bill is co-sponsored by Rep. Donna Edwards (D-MD) and is supported by the Associated General Contractors of America and the Clean Air Task Force.

- H.R. 3534, the **Security in Bonding Act of 2011**: The bill aims to strengthen the bonding process to ease the worry of subcontractors and suppliers about whether or not they will be paid for their services on federal projects. The lack of oversight on non-corporate sureties has resulted in a number of documented cases where assets pledged to back the bond have been illusory or insufficient, leaving small businesses and taxpayers without sufficient recourse in the event of nonpayment. H.R. 3534 closes this loophole by requiring individual sureties to pledge solely those assets described in law as “eligible obligations” and to deposit them in the custody and control of the federal government for the duration of the contract. This legislation would ensure that if an individual surety bond is furnished in the future, the small businesses which provide goods and services on those federal construction contracts will receive payment for their work.

- H.R. 3257, **Regulatory Time-Out Act of 2011**: The Regulatory Time-Out Act would put a “time-out” on new discretionary federal regulations and proposed regulations until January 21, 2013. Regulations subject to the time-out are those that would have an economic impact of over \$100 million. The bill provides commonsense exemptions for regulations necessary for human health, law enforcement, and national security. In Executive Order 13563, President Obama noted that, “Our regulatory system must protect public health, welfare, safety, and our environment while promoting economic growth, innovation, competitiveness, and job creation.” Unfortunately, it is clear that these criteria are not currently being met. Congress has an obligation to ensure that regulations reflect a proper balance that does not unduly hinder entrepreneurship and job creation. A similar version of this legislation was originally introduced by Senator Susan Collins as S. 1538. This legislation would give businesses and job creators the regulatory certainty they need to create, maintain, and grow U.S. jobs.

- H.R. 3476, **American Growth, Recovery, Empowerment and Entrepreneurship (AGREE) Act** : The AGREE Act is the House companion bill to S. 1866,

sponsored by Sens. Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Chris Coons (D-DE). Business leaders tell us that this legislation will help spur job creation. The AGREE Act includes areas of agreement between plans put forward by Republicans and Democrats in Congress, as well as the President's jobs plan and his Council on Jobs and Competitiveness. The provisions of the bill are well-known, commonsense, and fiscally-responsible. Most importantly, they are practical and achievable - now.

Rep. Bill Keating (D-MA) is the original cosponsor of this bill and it is widely supported by Republicans and Democrats in the House.

### CO-SPONSORED BILLS

*Representative Hanna is a co-sponsor of several pieces of legislation, including:*

- H.R. 4, **Comprehensive 1099 Taxpayer Protection and Repayment of Exchange Subsidy Overpayments Act**: Repealed the "1099" tax reporting requirement in the health care reform law which imposed costly burdens on small businesses. The bill was signed into law by President Obama in April 2011.

- H.R. 10, **Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011**: Would require an up-or-down vote in Congress for any proposed federal regulation that would cost \$100 million or more. Rep. Hanna believes that the people's representative deserve a chance to weigh in on regulations that would burden Upstate businesses and individuals.

- H.R. 674, **To repeal the imposition of 3 percent withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities**: Would repeal the 3 percent withholding rule on payments due to vendors providing services to federal, state, and local governmental entities. Rep. Hanna believes that this requirement unfairly targets honest businesses.

- H.R. 694, **Teacher Tax Deduction Act of 2011**: Would increase from \$250 to \$500 the dollar limit on the tax deduction for certain expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers and to extend the deduction through 2012.

- H.R. 874, **Agricultural Credit Expansion Act**: Would modernize Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan requirements so that more family farmers in Upstate New York can access capital. Family farmers in New York are hardworking, proud folks who want to continue producing quality products for our families and markets abroad. This bill does not create a new program or increase spending but modernizes the FSA loan program to keep pace with the modern business practices of our farmers.

- H.R. 1407, **Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2011**: Would provide veterans with a Cost-of-Living Adjustment increase to keep pace with inflation and put more money in the pockets of veterans who served our nation.

- H.R. 1188, **Repeal Ethanol Subsidies Today Act of 2011**: Would immediately repeal taxpayer subsidies for ethanol. Rep. Hanna believes that wasteful ethanol subsidies drive up the cost of energy, food, are harmful for the environment and can damage motors and engines for many types of vehicles.

- H.R. 1834, **Freedom to Invest Act of 2011**: Would incentivize the repatriation of foreign earnings of American businesses to encourage investment and job creation here in the United States.

- H.R. 2214, **Debt Elimination By Tax-Deductible Contribution Act of 2011**: Would allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their income tax liability for deposit in the Treasury to reduce the public debt. The bill allows any such gift to the United States for reduction of the public debt to be treated as a tax deductible charitable contribution.

- H.R. 2485, **All Children are Equal Act**: Would amend federal education funding formulas to ensure that school districts are treated based upon their percentages of poverty, rather than population. This bill would help relatively poor, rural school districts such as those in parts of Upstate New York.

- H.R. 2488, **SERVE Act**: Would allow an taxpayer who is a volunteer of a volunteer emergency response organization a \$1,000 refundable tax credit. This bill would allow such a credit for volunteer firefighters, emergency medical service personnel, and ambulance personnel.

- H.R. 1565, **To incorporate regional transportation planning organizations into statewide transportation planning**: This legislation would incorporate regional transportation planning organizations to provide rural communities with the same level of input at the state planning level as their counterparts from larger population areas. Upstate New York faces stiff competition for limited transportation dollars-and we deserve our fair share. H.R. 1565 ensures that our communities have a formal seat at the table.

## SPONSORED FLOOR AMENDMENTS

*Representative Hanna has offered the following amendments on the House floor:*

**"Transparency Amendment"** to H.R. 839, HAMP Termination Act of 2011: Rep. Hanna offered a floor amendment to a bill which would terminate the failed Home Affordable Modification Program. The Hanna Amendment inserted a findings section into the bill detailing the program's several flaws and noted that terminating HAMP would save taxpayers approximately \$1.4 billion. Rep. Hanna noted that it was important for the public to know why Congress would end the program. The Hanna Amendment was approved by a vote of 247-170.

**"Luxury Car Amendment"** to H.R. 2551, Legislative Branch Appropriations for 2012: Rep. Hanna offered a floor amendment to the Fiscal Year spending bill for Congress that would prohibit Members of Congress from spending more than \$1,000 per month on vehicle leases. Rep. Hanna stated at the time that, "We do not need to be spending taxpayer dollars leasing luxury vehicles. And, certainly not during these tough economic times...If Senators can get by without car leases, then members of the People's House can get by with less expensive vehicles." The Hanna Amendment was approved by voice vote.